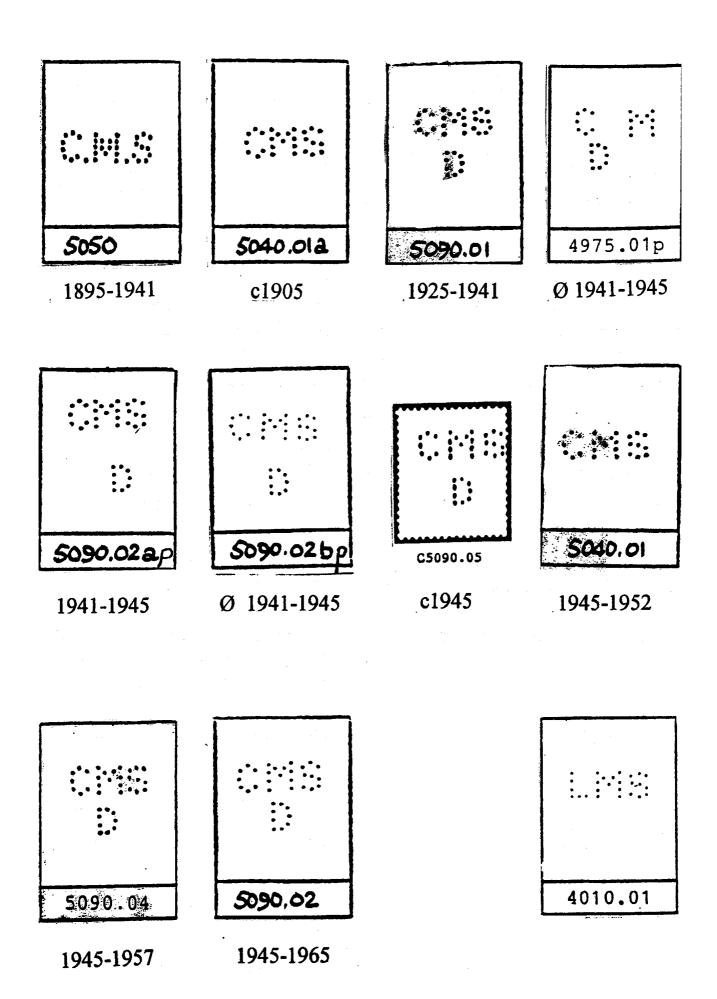
## **HISTORY OF PERFIN USERS**

Once again, Terence Barnes' book "London As It Is To-Day - 1851" has been used for the contemporary description of the following two societies, one of which is known to have used perfins in the reign of Queen Victoria.

## **LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Situated at Mission House, 8 Blomfield Street, Finsbury. Established in 1794 its sole object being to spread the knowledge of the Gospel in heathen and unenlightened lands. One of its fundamental principles is, that it shall "not send any form of church order and government, but that it shall be left to persons to assume for themselves such form of church government, as shall appear to them most agreeable to the Word of God".

The annual expenditure for the purposes of the society is about £70,000, derived from dividends, or obtained by voluntary contributions. Its annual meetings are held in Exeter Hall, and are exceedingly interesting; the hall is invariably crowded long before the commencement of the proceedings, and many ladies may be seen at the doors as early as seven o'clock in the morning, waiting for their opening at eleven.



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